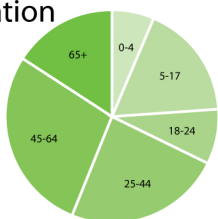


# Starke County

Total Population  
23,363



Population by age group

Population by race

Race	Population
Hispanic	766
White	22,683
African American	66

Population by race

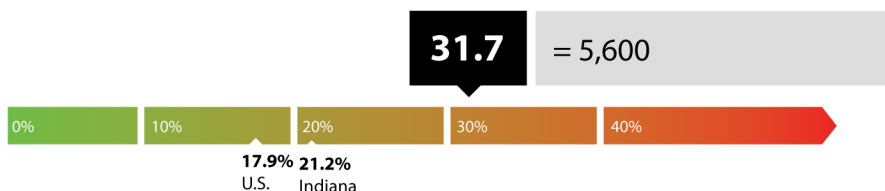
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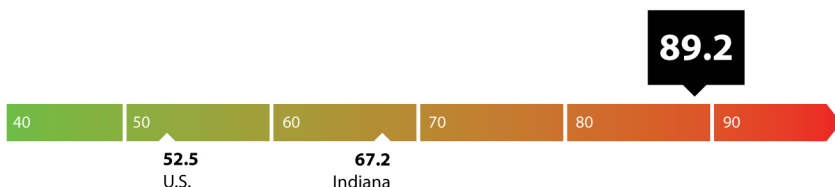


## TOBACCO AND HEALTH IN STARKE COUNTY

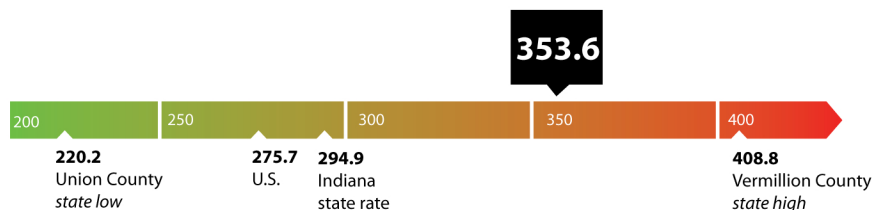
### Percent of adults who smoke



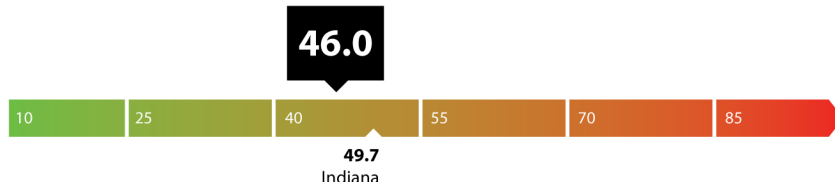
### Lung cancer deaths per 100,000 residents



### Cardiovascular disease deaths per 100,000 residents



### Asthma related emergency room visits per 10,000 residents



### Smoking and pregnancy

**Births affected by smoking** 101

*low birth weight, SIDS, reduced lung function*

**Cost of smoking related births** \$174,854

### Percent of pregnant women who smoke

Indiana ..... 18.5%  
Starke County ..... 31.9%

### Smoking deaths

**Deaths attributable to smoking** 38

### Deaths due to secondhand smoke

**5**  
**Economic burden of secondhand smoke: \$1.4 million**

### Smoking related illness

754

## TOBACCO CONTROL FUNDING

**\$117,700**

Funding in Starke County for July 2011- June 2013.

The CDC recommends the Indiana government spend **\$78 million** each year on tobacco prevention and control programs.

Actual spending in Indiana: **\$10 million**

**\$4.8 billion**

Economic cost in Indiana due to smoking, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Cost per Indiana citizen: **\$740**

TOBACCO FREE POLICIES

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**Hospitals and Health Care Facilities:**

- IU Health Starke Hospital

**School Districts:**

- North Judson-San Pierre School Corporation
- Knox Community School Corporation
- Oregon-Davis School Corporation

COMMUNITY-BASED TOBACCO CONTROL COALITION

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drug and Tobacco Free Starke County</li><li>• Knox High School</li><li>• Knox Middle School</li><li>• Knox Elementary School</li><li>• Oregon Davis Middle School</li><li>• Oregon Davis High School</li><li>• Oregon Davis Elementary School</li><li>• North Judson Middle School</li><li>• North Judson High School</li><li>• Porter Starke Services</li><li>• Starke Memorial Hospital</li><li>• First Baptist Church of Knox</li><li>• Hamlet Lions</li><li>• Starke County Library</li><li>• Starke County Tourism</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hickory Hills Campground</li><li>• Starke County Chamber of Commerce</li><li>• Starke County Youth Club</li><li>• Knox High School SADD club</li><li>• North Judson High School SADD club</li><li>• Marshall Starke Head Start</li><li>• Starke County Probation Department</li><li>• Indiana State Excise Police</li><li>• Knox City Police</li><li>• Starke County Sheriff Office</li><li>• Knox Mayor's Office</li><li>• Drug Free Partnership</li><li>• Coalition Against Domestic Abuse</li><li>• The Caring Place</li></ul> |
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COMMUNITY INDICATORS

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**Protect and maintain local tobacco control coalition**  
infrastructure needed to combat tobacco use, as well as working with community organizations to reduce tobacco use among those groups most impacted by tobacco

**Protect Hoosiers from exposures to secondhand smoke by:**

- Supporting local or statewide smoke-free air ordinances for worksites, including restaurants, bars and gaming facilities
- Implementing tobacco-free campus policies for hospitals, health care centers, mental health centers and clinics, and addiction treatment centers

**Decrease adult smoking rates by:**

- Promoting the Indiana Tobacco Quitline (1-800- QUIT NOW) throughout the community
- Supporting employers to create healthier employees through employer supported tobacco treatment resources to their workforce

